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In re Application of:
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Transport

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 27, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 28, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/2640.C1/ATD/BTP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicant proposes amendment of the drawings to correct errors noted subsequent to filing the application. Applicants have submitted the proposed corrections marked in red on the attached copies of the original drawings filed in the application. The proposed corrections conform the drawings to the written description of the invention without adding new matter. Applicants will provide corrected formal drawings upon notification of allowance.